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- 25X1X 1. The North Korean I, VI, and III Corps on the west central front are green unproven corps who need much more training.
2. In a secret meeting attended by North Korean GHQ officers, Political Commander KIM IL officially admitted that the North Korean troops are in poor condition for a war alone against UN forces. During the last spring offensive, the North Korean I Corps was beaten to such an extent by the ROK 1 Division that the North Korean government began to view the war with a new outlook. The North Korean VII, VIII and IX Corps on the east central front, and the X, XII and XV Corps on the eastern front are composed of untried green troops.
3. The North Korean GHQ Artillery Commander, General KIM Mu-chong, stated that the present North Korean troops need approximately 8 months' training before they can be effective. The North Korean IV Corps, having received approximately 6 months' training in Manchuria, will rotate with the green North Korean troops at the front until the peak of combat efficiency is reached.
4. The North Korean Air Force, numbering approximately 5,000 men, received training in Harbin and Tsitsihar, and now has approximately 150 planes received from the USSR.
5. The recently activated North Korean tank division has received approximately 300 T-34 tanks from the USSR.<sup>2</sup>

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] referring to divisions rather than corps.
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2. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] stated that the North Koreans had been given 300 tanks and that a North Korean tank division was in training at Yenchi.

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